

your extraordinary life and contribution to our community. We will miss you tremendously.

HONORING THE LIFE AND SERVICE
OF NORTHWEST FLORIDA'S BE-
LOVED REVEREND WILLIE H.
CARTER

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 12, 2012

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, it is my privilege to honor the life and service of Northwest Florida's beloved Reverend Willie H. Carter. All of Northwest Florida, and in particular the people of Century, Florida, mourn the loss of this extraordinary man.

Reverend Carter spent the majority of his adult life in service to his fellow man. He was a strong advocate of human dignity and a tireless proponent of the importance of living up to one's God-given potential. Whether it was early on, as a counselor in the schools of Century, Florida, or later as Pastor of Pilgrim Lodge Baptist Church, Reverend Carter's love of our Lord was matched only by his devotion to the betterment of the youth in his community.

Friends and neighbors warmly recall this humble man with a ready smile and firm handshake who made a deep impact on all who had the good fortune to know him. "Your life is in your hands," he was fond of telling young people. "You can make it anything you want it to be." But Reverend Carter also called upon them to improve themselves by turning off the television and picking up a book. He was famous for challenging young people to "watch TV for an hour, close your eyes and see what you got out of that. Then read a book, close your eyes and see what you learned."

Aside from his work in education and in the church, he was an advocate for schools in the community, was named one of the Grand Marshals of the Northview High School Homecoming Parade in 2010, took part in the 2010 Northview Baccalaureate service, and was previously named a NorthEscambia.com Person of the Year. Additionally, in 2011, I was pleased to welcome Reverend Carter, a World War II veteran, to Washington D.C., when he took part in the ninth and final Emerald Coast Honor Flight.

To some, Reverend Carter will be remembered as a spiritual leader; to others, he will be remembered for his tireless work on behalf of the youth of the Northwest Florida Community; and to his family and friends he will always be remembered as a loving husband, father, and grandfather. He touched the lives of many with his self-giving devotion and tireless commitment to service.

On behalf of the United States Congress, I am honored to recognize the life, honorable service and accomplishments of Reverend Willie H. Carter. He will be missed by many, but his memory will live on through the timeless legacy he leaves behind. My wife Vicki joins me in extending our thoughts and prayers to Kraig, Audra, Paris, Lauren, Aerial, and the entire Carter family.

IN HONOR OF WILLIAM NEIS

HON. MICHAEL G. FITZPATRICK

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 12, 2012

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of William E. Neis, a resident of Bucks County who passed away on September 22 at the age of 93. Mr. Neis served as the honorable Mayor of Doylestown, PA, retiring after 25 years of volunteer service. He retired at the age of 86 as the longest serving mayor in Doylestown history and was known as "The Doylestown Cupid" for the thousands of weddings he performed for local couples. Friends and colleagues remembered him as a soft-spoken, modest man who embodied the characteristics and contributions of the "greatest generation."

Mr. Neis enjoyed distinguished careers. First, he served as a master sergeant in chemical warfare for the U.S. Army in World War II. He was the owner and CEO of William Neis & Son, Doylestown's soft drink bottler and beverage distributorship. He also was the state director of the PA Bottlers Association before becoming Mayor of Doylestown.

William Neis represented the best of Bucks County. A lifelong resident of Doylestown, he served his community for a majority of his life, maintained a loving family and was respected by all in Doylestown for his humble and selfless nature. His contributions will be missed.

IN RECOGNITION OF RUTH WISNOM

HON. JACKIE SPEIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 12, 2012

Ms. SPEIER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Ruth Wisnom, the most committed and altruistic volunteer I know. Ruth has dedicated her life to helping others and creating a better future for all of us.

Ruth started volunteering with Peninsula Family Services 48 years ago, a testament to her perseverance and commitment. She and her husband David Wisnom have also passed on their passion for volunteering to their children and grandchildren.

I commend Peninsula Family Service for honoring her with the Wisnom Family Award. The organization could not have chosen a more deserving family which exemplifies its mission to empower children, families and older adults to achieve and maintain self-sufficiency.

Ruth grew up in Ontario, Oregon. She went to Ontario High School and received her B.A. in Speech and Hearing Therapy from the University of Oregon.

From 1955 to 1957 she was the Assistant Director of the speech clinic at the May T. Morrison Rehabilitation Center in San Francisco. The following year she was a speech and reading consultant and English teacher at the Taipei American Schools in Taiwan.

She used her speech therapy expertise to set up speech clinics at the Crippled Children's Society in Monterey County and at UCSF Medical Center.

Since Ruth started volunteering for Peninsula Family Services—formerly Family Service

Agency—in 1964, she has served on many boards of directors and committees, including Family Service Agency 75th Anniversary, Biennial Family Service Agency International Conference in Detroit, Family Service America, Family Service Agency of San Mateo County and as president of San Mateo County's Hillsborough Auxiliary. She is still an active member of the auxiliary and established its popular annual travel auction in 1970. Ruth is an honorary lifetime board member of Peninsula Family Service.

Ruth's service to the community includes other non profits—Peninsula Community Foundation, the Monterey County Symphony, and the San Francisco Opera Guild Board where she has been a tireless advocate for children's education and served as vice-president of fundraising. Her love for children is also evident in her work for the Avery Fuller Children's Center Foundation, the Episcopal Church of St. Matthew's and the Junior League of San Francisco and of the Monterey Peninsula, the Children's Home Society and the Crippled Children's Society.

Ruth's love of flowers, especially roses, has driven her to support the Hillsborough Garden Club where she was president from 1995 to 1997 and served on the Bay Area Steering Committee planning a weeklong flower, horticulture and ecology show.

Her unwavering commitment and service to our community have been recognized with several volunteer of the year awards from different groups.

Ruth and David are the parents of two children, David Wisnom, III and their late daughter Carol Wisnom Kastner who passed away in 2008. The garden at the Peninsula Service's Child Development Learning Center is named in her memory, "Carol's Kinder Garden."

Mr. Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to rise with me to honor an extraordinary human being who epitomizes inexhaustible generosity and kindness. Our community and the world is a better place because of Ruth Wisnom.

TRIBUTE TO MALALA YOUSAFZAI

HON. JAMES P. MORAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 12, 2012

Mr. MORAN. Mr. Speaker, I would like to call my colleagues' attention to an eloquent op-ed article by First Lady Laura Bush, published in the Washington Post this week following the horrific attack by Taliban gunmen on a 14-year-old girl, Malala Yousafzai. Mrs. Bush writes: "Malala inspires us because she had the courage to defy the totalitarian mindset others would have imposed on her. . . [she] refused to look the other way. We owe it to her courage and sacrifice to do the same."

We are all horrified by the news of the savage attack on Malala. Taliban gunmen hunted her down as she returned home from school in the Swat Valley town of Mingora, Pakistan. The Taliban attackers also wounded two other schoolgirls riding on the bus with her.

This was a tragedy that could easily have been foretold. Malala was perhaps the most famous 14-year-old girl in the world, and for